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Letter dated 18 December 2018 from the Permanent Representatives of France, Germany and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

France, Germany and the United Kingdom wish to bring to the attention of the Security Council recent actions undertaken by Iran which are inconsistent with paragraph 3 of annex B to resolution 2231 (2015).

As the Security Council is aware, in paragraph 3 of annex B to resolution 2231 (2015),

> Iran is called upon not to undertake any activity related to ballistic missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons, including launches using such ballistic missile technology, until the date eight years after the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action adoption day or until the date on which the International Atomic Energy Agency submits a report confirming the Broader Conclusion, whichever is earlier.

The phrase "ballistic missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons" in paragraph 3 includes Missile Technology Control Regime category I systems. By definition, Missile Technology Control Regime category I systems, which are those capable of delivering at least a 500-kilogram payload to a range of at least 300 kilometres, are inherently capable of delivering nuclear weapons.

On 1 December, Iran test-fired a medium-range ballistic missile which falls under Missile Technology Control Regime category I. Test-firing such a missile clearly constitutes "activity related to ballistic missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons" and "launches using such ballistic missile technology", which Iran is called upon not to undertake in paragraph 3 of annex B to resolution 2231 (2015).

We assess that Iran's programme to develop ballistic missiles continues to be inconsistent with paragraph 3 of annex B to resolution 2231 (2015). This ballistic missile activity is also destabilizing and increases regional tensions

We trust that this information will assist the Security Council in promoting the implementation of resolution 2231 (2015) by all States. In light of the requests made of the Secretary-General in resolution 2231 (2015), we therefore respectfully request

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that the Secretary-General report fully and thoroughly Iran's ballistic missile activity inconsistent with resolution 2231 (2015) in his next report.

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